

Application No. 10/775,672

Docket No. 99-68CON1

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REMARKS

The Office action sets forth an election of species requirement that requires the Applicants to elect a single species with respect to the recurring unit and the specific type of polymer. Claims 18 and 51 are said to be generic.

Applicants hereby elect to initially prosecute the claims covering the patentably distinct species of 1) the formula set forth in claim 18 and formula I of claim 51 (the repeat units of the monomer of formula I will have the same structure as claimed in claim 18), and 2) non-linear architecture.

All of the presently pending claims except claim 53 read on the elected species.

In view of the foregoing, the Applicants request examination on the merits, and submit that each of the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

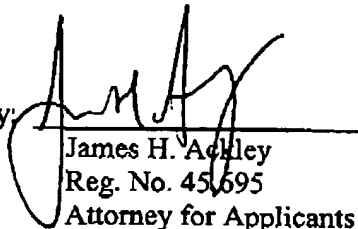
CONCLUSION

Should the Examiner have any question or wish to further discuss this application, Applicants requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned at (408) 720-2598.

If for some reason Applicants have not requested a sufficient extension and/or have not paid a sufficient fee for this response and/or for the extension necessary to prevent the abandonment of this application, please consider this as a request for an extension for the required time period and/or authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0496 for any fee which may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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